



United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY MEETINGHOUSE

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number 3 RIVER ROAD \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city or town ORLEANS \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity \_\_\_\_\_

state MASSACHUSETTS code MA county BARNSTABLE code 001 zip code 02643

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Judith B. McDonough  
Signature of certifying official/Title Judith B. McDonough, Executive Director  
Massachusetts Historical Commission, State Historic Preservation Officer

1/8/99  
Date

State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional Comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register  
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register  
 See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Keeper

Patrick Andrews

Date of Action

2/25/99

Universalist Society Meetinghouse  
Name of Property

Barnstable, MA  
County and State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

**Number of Resources within Property**

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	1	building
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	1	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION: church

**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

RECREATION AND CULTURE: museum

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Greek Revival

**Materials**

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation granite

walls WOOD/shingle

roof Fiberglass

other

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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**7. Narrative Description**

The Universalist Society Meetinghouse of 1834 is a two-story wood frame structure designed in the Greek Revival style. Rising from a rough-cut granite foundation, the church has a rectangular plan and is enclosed by a front-facing gable roof. Walls are sheathed with painted wood shingles and the roof with asphalt shingles. Broad paneled cornerboards and a box cornice with a wide compound fascia decorate the exterior. The building is two bays wide at the facade and four bays deep. It appears that it was only three bays deep but about 15 feet was added to the west end in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century. The symmetrical facade at the east elevation has two identical entries, both framed by wide paneled pilasters supporting a simple deep entablature. These entrances contain modern six-panel doors. Access to the entries is by means of a low concrete stoop of two steps that stretches across most of the facade. At the second floor are two standard windows with 6/6 wood replacement sash and modern storm windows. A large pedimented gable containing a painted arch tracery window tops the facade.

The north and south (side) elevations are nearly identical. Each is divided into four bays with one double height window in each bay. Each window contains two 10/10 wood replacement sash and modern storm sash. Shallow pedimented gable hoods top the windows. The side elevations differ in that the south elevation has an added doorway at its west end; it is of unknown construction date, probably early to mid-20<sup>th</sup> century. The doorway is framed by flush surrounds and contains a modern six-panel door. A modern wood ramp provides access to this doorway.

The west elevation (rear) is divided into two equal parts by a central wall chimney of painted brick. The elevation is void of fenestration with the exception of two modern louvered vents which flank the chimney at the attic level. A modern metal bulkhead door provides access to the basement, just south of the chimney.

The interior remains a large open space with a curved balcony along three walls (excluding the west wall). It is supported by six Tuscan columns and has a paneled knee wall facing the worship space. The original box pews with paneled doors were removed from the main level of the church at some point (probably before 1900) and replaced by folding wooden chairs joined to form rows; original pews remain in the balcony. Today the folding chairs are also gone. A pressed metal ceiling (probably late 19<sup>th</sup> century) now obscures the original ceiling, which featured a central domed vault whose framing can be seen in the attic. A few small partitions have been built along the perimeter since 1971 to create display areas for the Historical Society

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museum which now occupies the building. The original pulpit was replaced by a low stage with a paneled front (probably late 19<sup>th</sup>- or early 20<sup>th</sup>-century) which now holds a large organ, presented to the church in 1907 by Edward H. Cole, who had also provided a parish house on Main Street in 1904. The organ had been built in Leominster, Massachusetts and served another church before being moved to Orleans.

Just south of the church on the same lot is a small wood-frame structure, known as the Hurd Chapel. Constructed in 1939, it was moved to this site in 1979 and is considered a non-contributing element to this nomination. The single-story building is rectangular in plan and sheathed with painted wood shingles. Its front-facing gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The chapel is decorated with paneled cornerboards at the two southern corners; its entrance is centered on the south elevation and consists of paneled double doors flanked by partial sidelights and topped by a fanlight.

**Archaeological Description**

While no prehistoric sites are currently recorded on the meetinghouse property, sites may be present. Environmental characteristics for the parcel represent locational criteria that are favorable for many types of prehistoric sites. The property includes a well drained level to moderately sloping land surface in close proximity (within 1000 feet) to unnamed fresh water wetlands. Several prehistoric sites are also recorded in the town of Orleans including 10 sites in the general area (within one mile) of the meetinghouse. In spite of the above information, the sensitivity for locating significant prehistoric resources on the Universalist Society Meetinghouse property is low. Construction of the meetinghouse, which has a basement, the meetinghouse extension and movement of the Hurd Chapel to the relatively small (0.46 acre) lot would have adversely effected any resources present.

There is a high potential for historic archaeological resources on the meetinghouse property. Further documentary research combined with archaeological testing of the property can identify the locations and functions for potential outbuildings that may have existed on the property. Similar research can also identify the locations of occupational related features (trash pits, privies, wells) which were also likely present. Construction features should also exist related to the 15 foot extension to the west end of the meetinghouse added in the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century.

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### 8. Statement of Significance

#### Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

#### Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

#### Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

### 9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

#### Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

#### Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

RELIGION

#### Period of Significance

1834-1949

#### Significant Dates

1834

#### Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

n/a

#### Cultural Affiliation

n/a

#### Architect/Builder

Taylor, David, Jr. (builder)

#### Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

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Orleans (Barnstable Co.), MASection number 8 Page 1**8. Narrative Statement of Significance**

The Universalist Society Meetinghouse in Orleans attains significance as the only Universalist church in the town and as a well-preserved example of a Greek Revival church. Constructed in 1834, it is representative of the division within the Congregational Church that led to the establishment of many splinter societies in the 1830s. Together with the Congregational and Baptist churches, the Universalist Meetinghouse and later the Town Hall transformed the residential village of East Orleans into the civic, social and cultural center of the town. Architecturally, it is important as the only one of three Greek Revival churches in Orleans to remain virtually intact. In fact, it is the most well preserved 19<sup>th</sup> century church in town. It is of local significance and meets Criteria A and C for listing on the National Register. The non-contributing Hurd Chapel building is identified under Criteria Consideration B as a property removed from its original location.

Orleans was part of neighboring Eastham until 1797 when it was incorporated as a separate town. Prior to 1775 settlement was dispersed, and the area now known as Orleans was made up of a scattered farming population. At the time of incorporation Orleans had a population of close to 500 people and most settlement was taking place in the north and east parts of town. Although agriculture dominated the economy, maritime interests became increasingly important, particularly at Town Cove and Nauset Harbor, spurring development in East Orleans. Between 1797 and 1830 the population increased by 63%, with the greatest growth in the 1820s. Settlement remained relatively dispersed in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, with most houses still in the north and east sections of town, while development in the Rock Harbor area to the northwest was accelerated with the establishment of the Rock Harbor landing in 1814. Additional development occurred in the Tonset Neck area along Tonset Road in East Orleans, with the Congregational Church (1829) standing at the intersection of Main Street and Meetinghouse Road. The Orleans cemetery, the town's principal burying ground (1723), was located just west of the Congregational Church, while the Baptists built their church to the south of the cemetery on School Road in 1828. Six years later the Universalist Society built their church nearby on River Road. The population of Orleans peaked in 1840 at 1,974, a figure not to be reached again until the 1950s. Despite a mid-century decline, residential development in East Orleans, particularly along Main Street east of the Congregational Church remained steady. The Cape Cod Branch Railroad was completed in 1865 with an Orleans terminus near the geographical center of town. This spurred commercial development around the depot, leaving East Orleans primarily residential. By 1837 most Orleans men were engaged in cod and mackerel fishing, and there was

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a significant salt industry, with 50 plants for the manufacture of salt in 1837. Claming was another important source of income for residents, while others were involved in shipping. In 1837, 33 vessels carrying 264 men sailed from Orleans.

By the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century fishing and other maritime industries were in decline. Agriculture was again beginning to play a prominent role in the economy; by 1865 there were 77 farms in town, with most farmhouses being built in outlying areas. As maritime industries continued to decline in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, so did the town's population. By 1905 it has reached 1,052. The civic, social, and cultural focus of the town continued to be in East Orleans, a fact emphasized by the construction of the new Town Hall on Main Street in 1873. Although little new residential growth occurred in East Orleans after 1870, the population was significant enough that the Orleans Primary School was built on School Street. As Orleans became a popular summer resort in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, a number of East Orleans houses were purchased as summer homes, and several converted to inns or small businesses.

As early as 1830 it was clear that there was a dividing of faiths brewing in the Congregational Church. At the heart of the dispute was the emergence of a new creed based on a universal salvation for mankind, carrying with it bold new ideas that were in sharp contrast to the traditional views of Congregationalists. Universalism was embraced by enough of the church members that separation was inevitable, and by 1832 a number of members had been dismissed for their leanings in this matter and they joined together to form a church of their own. The Universal Church of Christ of Orleans was organized in 1833, and incorporated the following year. Among the founding members were a number of well-respected residents: Capt. John Kenrick was a Justice of the Peace and a successful seaman, Joshua Crosby served as gun captain on the *U.S.S. Constitution*, and Elisha Cole, like Kenrick, was a Selectman and State Representative to the General Court. Other founding members were Seth Knowles, owner of a salt works; Eben Harding Linnell (ship captain); Nathan Kingham (selectmen); Nathan Darling (stone mason); and Simeon Higgins (postmaster and proprietor of Higgins Tavern).

Land on which a new church was constructed was purchased for \$30 from David Taylor, Sr. (1763-1840) and contained "40 rods more or less." The lot at the corner of Main Street and River Road was only a short distance from the Congregational and Baptist churches. Taylor, whose own house sat on the adjacent lot at 1 Monument road, had been a packet ship captain and later postmaster. His son, David Taylor, Jr. was a carpenter and responsible for the construction of the new Meetinghouse. He would later build a parsonage on Main Street. The original church measured 30 x 40' and cost \$1,740 - Elisha Cole, Emerson Higgins and Obed Crosby provided funds for the building.

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The congregation grew and prospered for many years. In 1841 a Female Samaritan Society (renamed the Universalist Ladies Circle in 1857) was organized, with Almira Kenrick as President. One of their activities was making clothes for the poor and needy. During the Civil War they made flannel shirts and socks for Union soldiers. The Society was also active in raising funds for various church projects.

At some point the church was extended about 15 feet to the west and a new roof installed. Signs of this are clearly visible in the attic framing, foundation and interior plaster. It is likely the church was enlarged between the 1840s and 1860s when membership was at its peak.

One gets a sense of how the church was doing in the 1870s from an 1877 report by pastor William Curtis Stiles that indicates that prior to his coming in 1876 the church had "been for some years without a resident pastor." He notes that the parish was "strong financially" and that several improvements had been made since his arrival. In addition to an active Sunday school, a Bible class had been added and it was highly popular. He also mentions cataloguing the church library.

By the early 20<sup>th</sup> century the Universalists were running into difficulty with church operations. Membership was down to about 40 and there was no resident pastor. Methodist minister Paul Wilkinson held services on weekends, and encouraged the church to join forces with their neighbors, the Congregationalists, who were having troubles of their own, with declining membership and low funds. They had voted to close their church for an indefinite period as a cost-cutting measure. In 1938 a joint committee of the two churches voted to recommend unification. Both groups approved the proposal and in January of 1939 the new Federated Church was established, Wilkinson accepting a five-year position as minister for the new church. Services were held at the former Congregational Church while the former Universalist Meetinghouse was used for Sunday school. In 1971 the Meetinghouse was sold to the Orleans Historical Society for \$3,000. Since then it has been used as an historical museum.

The Hurd Chapel, which also stands on this lot, was constructed in 1939 and later moved to this site. It is considered a noncontributing element to the property for purposes of this nomination. The chapel was donated to the Orleans Cemetery Association and was erected in the Cemetery on the north side of Main Street. It was a gift from Flora and Emma Hurd in honor of their parents Davis and Rebecca Hurd and is said to have been constructed of lumber salvaged from a large building on the Hurd property at 94 Main Street. The chapel was given to the Orleans Historical Society by the Cemetery Association in 1979 and moved to its present site. It has been used for storage by the Society ever since.

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Orleans (Barnstable Co.), MA**Archaeological Significance**

Historic archaeological resources described above have the potential to provide information on the structural changes and activities which occurred at the meetinghouse as well as the social, cultural and economic characteristics of the town's Universalists who contrasted the more traditional Congregationalists in the early to mid 19<sup>th</sup> century. Archaeological testing can document the presence of outbuildings including wood and storage sheds, stables etc. which may have been present in the area around the meetinghouse. Occupational related features might also be present in the same area. Detailed analysis of the contents from privies, wells, and trash pits/areas can provide insights into the changing lives of Orleans' residents which, from a religious viewpoint, was beginning to change by the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. Information may be present which details ways in which Universalists were different from their parent Congregationalists. Careful mapping of construction features associated with the west end addition can also document when the addition was added and exactly what changes were made to the original structure.

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### 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property .46 acre

#### UTM References See continuation sheet.

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

1. 19	418740	4625940	3.		
Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing

2.			4.		
Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing

See continuation sheet

#### Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

#### Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

### 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Christine Beard, Consultant, with Betsy Friedberg, NR Director, MHC

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date January 1999

street & number 220 Morrissey Boulevard telephone 617-727-8470

city or town Boston state MA zip code 02125

#### Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

#### Continuation Sheets

#### Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

#### Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

**Additional items** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

#### Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Orleans Historical Society

street & number P.O. Box 353 telephone 508-240-1329

city or town Orleans state MA zip code 02653

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**9. Biographical References**

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Massachusetts Historical Commission. Area Form, East Orleans Historic District (form D).

Pattison, Lee. *History of the Federated Church* (n.d.)

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Styles, William Curtis. Unpublished report by the Universalist minister, February 14, 1877.  
(Orleans Historical Society)

Ward, Bertha Cheney. *History of the Universalist Society; Orleans --- 1833-1933*. (1933)

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**10. Geographic References**

**Verbal Boundary Description**

The nominated property occupies the town lot shown on Map 35 as Lot 119, containing .46 acres.

**Verbal Boundary Justification**

The boundary includes the entire town lot that has been historically associated with the property.

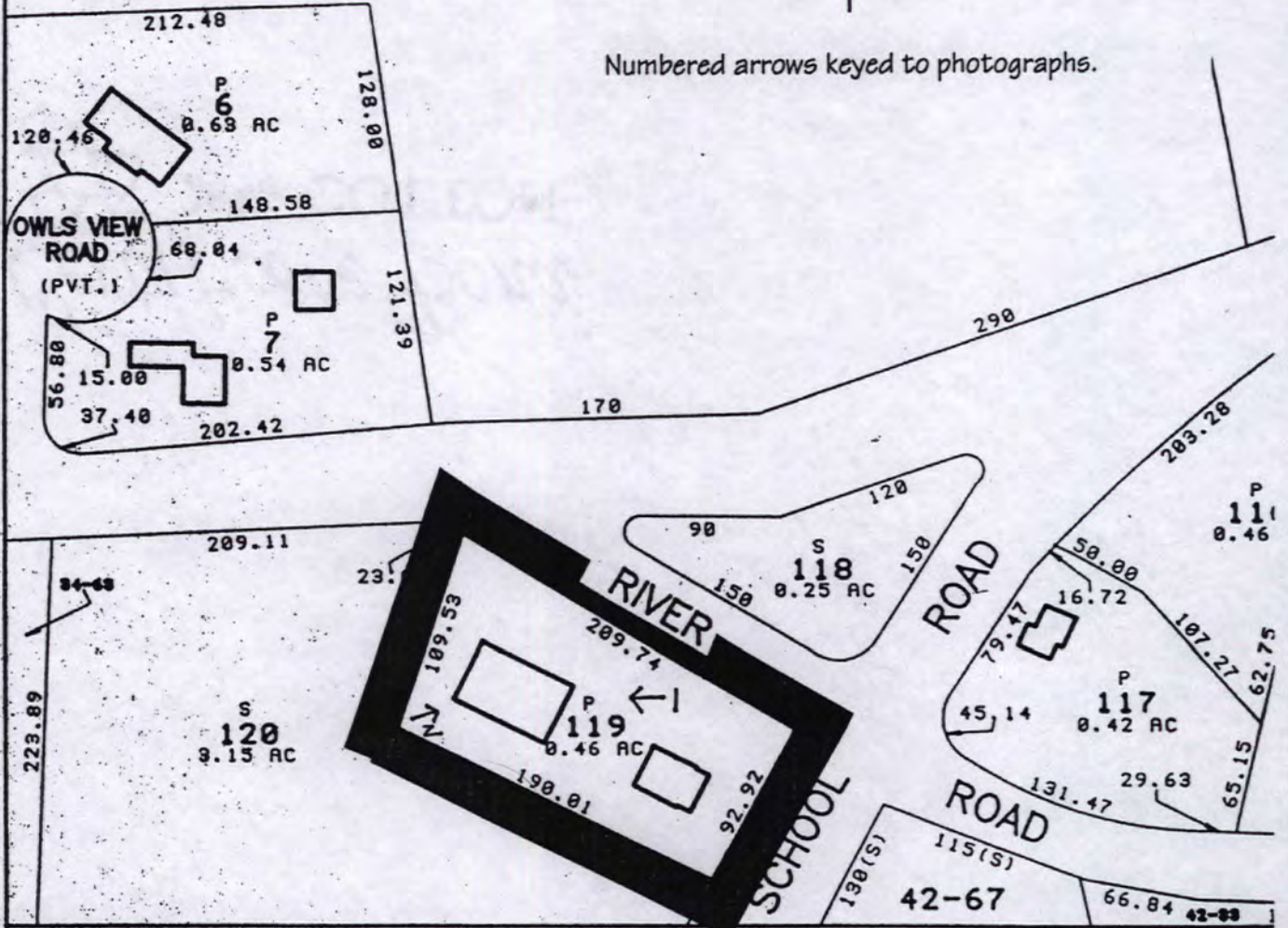
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Orleans, Massachusetts

1" = approx. 100 feet



Numbered arrows keyed to photographs.



TOWN OF ORLEANS

19 SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD

ORLEANS, MASSACHUSETTS 02653

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Universalist Society Meetinghouse  
NAME:

MULTIPLE  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Barnstable

DATE RECEIVED: 1/14/99 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/26/99  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 2/11/99 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/28/99  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 99000186

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

\_\_\_ ACCEPT \_\_\_ RETURN \_\_\_ REJECT \_\_\_ DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*Historically and architecturally significant  
Creek Revival style church building*

RECOM./CRITERIA accept A&C

REVIEWER Patrick Andrus

DISCIPLINE Historian

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE 2/25/99

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N



THE MEETING HOUSE  
OCEANS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Universalist Society Meetinghouse  
Orleans, Massachusetts

Photo by: Christine Beard

Date: 5/98

Neg. Location: Treatment Preservation Services  
65 High St.

Topsfield, MA 01983

View southwest of facade (east elevation)  
and north elevation

Photo 1 of 2



Universalist Society Meetinghouse  
Orleans, Massachusetts

Photo by: Christine Beard

Date: 5/98

Neg. Location: Tremont Preservation Services  
65 High St.

Topsfield, MA 01983

View northeast of rear (west) elevation and  
south elevation

Photo 2 of 2



CONVERSION  
SCALES



Feet	Meters
1	3048
2	6096
3	9144
4	12192
5	15240
6	18288
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multiply by .3048  
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multiply by 3.2808

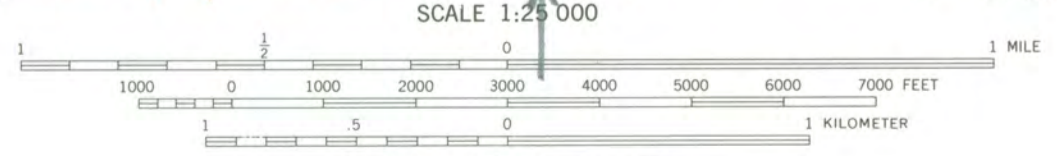
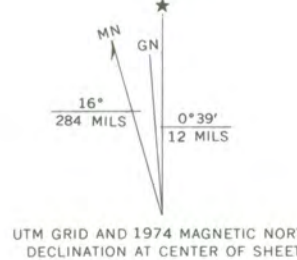
Universalist Meetinghouse  
Orleans, MA

Zone 19  
Easting 418740  
Northing 41625740

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Control by USGS, NOS/NOAA, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey  
Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs  
taken 1939. Topography by planimetric surveys 1941. Revised  
from aerial photographs taken 1974. Field checked 1974  
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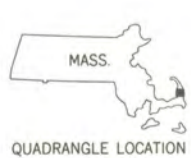
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10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,  
mainland zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid,  
zone 19

Map photocopied 1977  
No major culture or drainage changes observed



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET  
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929  
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER  
SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER  
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 6 FEET IN ATLANTIC OCEAN  
AND 10 FEET IN CAPE COD BAY

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY  
DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092  
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
Primary highway, hard surface  
Secondary highway, hard surface  
Light-duty road, hard or improved surface  
Unimproved road  
Interstate Route  
U. S. Route  
State Route

ORLEANS, MASS.  
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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

January 8, 1998

Ms. Carol Shull  
National Register of Historic Places  
Department of the Interior  
National Park Service  
Mail Stop 2280, Suite 400  
1849 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed please find the following nomination form:

Universalist Society Meetinghouse, 3 River Road, Orleans (Barnstable Co.), MA

The nomination has been voted eligible by the State Review Board and has been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer. The owners of the property were notified of pending State Review Board consideration 30 to 45 days before the meeting and were afforded the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betsy Friedberg".

Betsy Friedberg  
National Register Director  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

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cc: Charles Thompson, Chair, Orleans Historical Commission  
Christine Beard, Tremont Preservation Services, Preservation Consultant  
Beverly Singleton, Chair, Orleans Board of Selectmen  
Sarah Korjeff, Cape Cod Commission  
Orleans Historical Society, Box 353, Orleans



**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

February 9, 1999

Ms. Alexis Abernathy  
National Park Service  
National Register of Historic Places  
Mail Stop 2280, Suite 400  
1849 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20240

99-186  
1-14-99

Re: Orleans, MA Universalist Meetinghouse nomination

Dear Alexis:

Enclosed please find a revised nomination form for the Universalist Meetinghouse in Orleans, MA. I have eliminated criteria consideration B for the Hurd Chapel, but have not marked consideration A, as both buildings are presently owned by the town historical society and are not used for religious activities.

Thank you for calling me on this score Friday. I appreciate your thoroughness and consideration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Philip Bergen".

Philip Bergen  
National Register Assistant  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

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